JIBS Scopus Enhancement Group

Harold Cohen Library, University of Liverpool, 22 April, 2013

Present:
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Apologies:
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1. Welcome and introductions
Carole welcomed Charles Martinez and Elizabeth Dyas to their first meeting.

2. Minutes and Matters arising from the November meeting
1.10:   The issue of access to Scopus via Metalib has been resolved.
2.1:   Off campus access has now been improved at Bolton.
2.6:   Cameron is happy to share the accessibility report with the group members.
2.9:   Cameron asked for feedback from group members about citation managers.

3. Scopus Update
80% of Russell Group Universities now use Scopus. UK usage amounts to around 7% of world usage. There are an Increasing number of customers in the USA and China and the trend seems to be much more towards citation searching rather than basic searching. Scopus Customer Service Helpdesks across the whole company have been re-configured to ensure a more customer-focussed approach.

Roadmap Summary
Cameron outlined proposals and developments for 2013 and 2014.

3.1 Platform
- Interface for Japan
- Re-design home and results page
- Speed boost and phasing out of SciVerse branding
- Chinese interface (2014)

3.2 Content
- Books phase 1 (5k books)
- Conference and journal additions (particularly in Engineering)
- More books (75k year total over 3 years)
- Funding acknowledgements (included in metadata)

- Patents (file of patents to be added to Scopus in 2014)

3.3 Inter-operability
- EDS, Primo and Summon (Summon by June 2013)
- Problem of abstracts being excluded from retrieval by discovery tools
- Deeper integration with organizer tools (bibliographic reference tools)
- SCUDD (faster frequent updates for custom data)

3.4 Analysis & Search
- Journal ranking (SNIP & SJR)
- Improved integration with PURE
- Improved integration with ORCID profiling
- Raised export limits (20k records each time)

3.5 E-books
By August 2013 there will be 5k books in Scopus and by December 2013 there will be 40k.

3.6 Metrics
Elsevier have a bibliographic metrics research programme and academics can apply to use large amounts of data for non-commercial purposes.

3.7 Interface
The new interface design has concentrated on streamlining what users see, making the screen less cluttered. There will be fewer click-throughs and a full-text download button that can be configured with individual link resolvers.

3.8 Acquisition of Mendeley
Scopus identified that reference management was a gap in their offering, hence the incorporation of Mendeley into their suite of products. Priorities for the future will include sharing research information with other professional networks (within the boundaries of copyright). Mendeley will remain a free product.

Cameron proposed to write a brief factsheet outlining the reasons behind Elsevier's acquisition of Mendeley and what the institutional edition consists of.

3.9 Access to Products
Increasing numbers of users want to use Scopus off-campus (or through mobile devices). Elsevier are trying to enable researchers to create a portable password for use away from the desktop. They have devised self-managed open access. This would have to be "switched on" by the libraries involved and links to the iPad app for Scopus. In addition, they are currently testing Social logins (using Facebook and Twitter) are being tested currently. Elsevier estimate that 50% of potential users do not know that they have access to Scopus. Elsevier would find it useful to know who is using Scopus and how they are accessing it.

4. Action points for Elsevier from group members

- Please indicate the duration of video tutorials, so that users know how long they need to view them
- Give official responses to specific questions raised via the lis-e-resources list from Aberdeen, Bath, King's College London and Stirling.
- Send members the roadmap of what's coming in 2013
- Provide an update on what Elsevier is going to be doing with Mendeley

5. Questions from Elsevier to group members

- Are group members doing anything to encourage end-user logging-in via self-managed remote access/social login
- More information on discovery: who do we integrate with and how, what are the limitations i.e. no abstracts, what Scopus is doing about this.

6. Elsevier Bibliometric Research Programme.
Usage file (who is using Scopus in the UK)
How to use ORCID and how to use Scopus to ease the pain of registering.

7. Date of next meeting
In November 2013. Carole will liaise with Charles to organise.